

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Birk et al.) Group Art Unit: 3733
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Application No.: 10/562,954)
) Examiner: Elana Beth Fisher
Filing Date: December 30, 2005)
) Confirmation No.: 8688
10 For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FASTENING)
 SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE) Customer No.: 51957
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Mail Stop AMENDMENT
15 Commissioner for Patents
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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

20 Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the April 27, 2009 office action as follows:

25 Listing of the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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